

What is claimed is:

1. A method for listing activities in a graphical user interface in a collaborative work tool framework comprising the steps of:
 - (a) displaying an activity window having activity start data, activity duration data, and an activity status data;
 - (b) defining an activity in response to user selection of a define activity button, wherein the defined activity is thereafter displayed in the activity window; and
 - (c) determining a status for the defined activity based on activity start data for the defined activity and activity duration data for the defined activity.
2. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the activity is defined as a brainstorming activity.
3. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the activity is defined as a categorization activity.
4. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the activity is defined as a voting activity.
5. A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying a message window capable of displaying user messages in real-time.
6. A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of sending the defined activity to a database in response to user selection of a submit button.

- 1 7. A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of sending the
2 defined activity to a specific participant user in response to user selection of
3 the specific participant user from a participant user menu.
- 1 8. A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for listing
2 activities in a graphical user interface in a collaborative work tool framework
3 comprising:
4 (a) a code segment for displaying an activity window having activity start data,
5 activity duration data, and an activity status data;
6 (b) a code segment for defining an activity in response to user selection of a
7 define activity button, wherein the defined activity is thereafter displayed in
8 the activity window; and
9 (c) a code segment for determining a status for the defined activity based on
10 activity start data for the defined activity and activity duration data for the
11 defined activity.
- 1 9. A computer program as recited in claim 8, wherein the activity is defined as
2 a brainstorming activity.
- 1 10. A computer program as recited in claim 8, wherein the activity is defined as
2 a categorization activity.
- 1 11. A computer program as recited in claim 8, wherein the activity is defined as
2 a voting activity.
- 1 12. A computer program as recited in claim 8, further comprising a code
2 segment for displaying a message window capable of displaying user
3 messages in real-time.

- 1 13. A computer program as recited in claim 8, further comprising a code
2 segment for sending the defined activity to a database in response to user
3 selection of a submit button.
- 1 14. A computer program as recited in claim 8, further comprising a code
2 segment for sending the defined activity to a specific participant user in
3 response to user selection of the specific participant user from a participant
4 user menu.
- 1 15. A system for listing activities in a graphical user interface in a collaborative
2 work tool framework comprising the steps of:
3 (a) logic for displaying an activity window having activity start data, activity
4 duration data, and an activity status data;
5 (b) logic for defining an activity in response to user selection of a define activity
6 button, wherein the defined activity is thereafter displayed in the activity
7 window; and
8 (c) logic for determining a status for the defined activity based on activity start
9 data for the defined activity and activity duration data for the defined
10 activity.
- 1 16. A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the activity is defined as a
2 brainstorming activity.
- 1 17. A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the activity is defined as a
2 categorization activity.
- 1 18. A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the activity is defined as a voting
2 activity.
- 1 19. A system as recited in claim 15, further comprising logic for displaying a
2 message window capable of displaying user messages in real-time.

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- 1 20. A system as recited in claim 15, further comprising logic for sending the
2 defined activity to a database in response to user selection of a submit button.